

15th December 2023

Planning Department
North Devon District Council
Lynton House
Commercial Road
Barnstaple
EX31 1DG
ATTN Mr. N Hall

Dear Sir

Re: 77576 - White Cross Offshore Windfarm (Onshore Project)

Full planning permission for the construction and installation of onshore electrical infrastructure required to export electricity from the White Cross Offshore Wind Farm to the national distribution network; including installation of 132kV underground electricity transmission cable(s) from landfall at Saunton Sands Car park to a new substation at East Yelland. Construction of temporary facilities required during construction to include haul road, vehicular access, compounds, associated works areas and a permanent substation access road. Construction of a new substation under the Rochdale Envelope Approach with additional information regarding architectural form and silhouette, design code, scale and layout, landscaping, lighting, and appearance and materials.

Further to our letter dated 12th November 2023 we are writing to ask that you as Case Officer recommend to Flotation Energy that they withdraw the proposed onshore project application.

We understand that this application will not be submitted to January 2024 Planning Committee as a significant amount of additional information is required following the responses from statutory consultees. In particular, the two detailed responses from Natural England evidence that the applicant is required to undertake geotechnical, ornithological, bat and soil surveys at particular times over a year. Given this, it can be concluded that the application is unlikely to be submitted to NDC Planning Committee before the last quarter of 2024 at the earliest.

This request for additional information provides the applicant with an opportunity to rethink their entire approach to what is a fundamentally flawed proposal that demonstrably:

- Inflicts significant harm on the landscape and its ecology
- Impacts the parish economy
- Noncompliant with planning policies at national, local and neighbourhood level
- Delivers negligible benefits in its provision of electricity
- Does not align with an emerging national strategy in respect of developing and harnessing the Celtic Sea's wind power

Given the above it is not unreasonable for a Local Planning Authority and its Case Officer to advise the applicant Flotation Energy to withdraw its Application 77576.

Love Braunton

Cc Braunton Parish Council